Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Claims 1-4 are canceled by the present amendment. Claims 5-25 are newly introduced by the present amendment. Accordingly, claims 1-25 are pending in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancel)

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5. (New) A fabric capable of forming and maintaining a desired three-dimensional shape comprising a flexible shape retentive member, wherein said member is attached to the fabric.

6. (New) The fabric of claim 5 wherein the flexible shape retentive member is a wire.

7. (New) The fabric of claim 6 wherein the wire is selected from the group comprising a metal wire, a resin wire, and a ceramic wire.

8. (New) The fabric of claim 6 wherein the ends of the wire are covered by a protective member preventing the ends of the wire from piercing the fabric.

9. (New) The fabric of claim 8 wherein the protective member is a resin tube.

10. (New) The fabric of claim 5 wherein the flexible shape retentive member is permanently attached to the fabric.

11. (New) The fabric of claim 5 wherein the flexible shape retentive member is removably attached to the fabric.

12. (New) The fabric of claim 6 wherein the wire is attached to the fabric by means of:
    (a) suturing a separate piece of fabric to the reverse side of the main fabric to form a hollow space; and
    (b) inserting the wire into the hollow space such that the wire becomes attached to the reverse side of the fabric.

13. (New) A method for manufacturing a fabric capable of forming and maintaining a desired three-dimensional shape comprising the steps of:
    (c) suturing a separate piece of fabric to the reverse side of the main fabric to form a hollow space; and
    (d) inserting a flexible shape retentive member into the hollow space such that the flexible shape retentive member becomes attached to the reverse side of the fabric.

14. (New) The method of claim 13 wherein the flexible shape retentive member is a wire.

15. (New) The method of claim 14 wherein the wire is selected from the group comprising a metal wire, a resin wire, and a ceramic wire.

16. (New) The method of claim of claim 14 wherein the ends of the wire are covered by a protective member preventing the ends of the wire from piercing the fabric.

17. (New) The method of claim 16 wherein the protective member is a resin tube.

18. (New) A garment comprising a part capable of forming and maintaining a desired three-dimensional shape, wherein a flexible shape retentive member is attached to said part.

19. (New) The garment of claim 18 wherein the flexible shape retentive member is a wire.

20. (New) The garment of claim 19 wherein the wire is selected from the group comprising a metal wire, a resin wire, and a ceramic wire.

21. (New) The garment of claim 19 wherein the ends of the wire are covered by a protective member preventing the ends of the wire from piercing the garment.

22. (New) The garment of claim 21 wherein the protective member is a resin tube.

23. (New) The garment of claim 18 wherein the flexible shape retentive member is permanently attached to the part capable of forming and maintaining a desired three-dimensional shape.

24. (New) The garment of claim 18 wherein the flexible shape retentive member is removably attached to the part capable of forming and maintaining a desired three-dimensional shape.

25. (New) The garment of claim 19 wherein the wire is attached to the part intended to be capable of forming and maintaining a desired three-dimensional shape by means of:

    (a) suturing a separate piece of fabric to the reverse side of the part intended to be capable of forming and maintaining a desired three-dimensional shape such that the separate piece of fabric and the reverse side of said part form a hollow space; and

    (b) inserting the wire into the hollow space such that the wire becomes attached to the reverse side of the part intended to be capable of forming and maintaining a desired three-dimensional shape.